

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEL AV 07027 150559Z

22

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 SAM-01 IO-13 /082 W
----- 069373

R 141447Z OCT 76

FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3414
INFO AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
AMEMBASSY CAIRO

UNCLAS TEL AVIV 7027

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, IS, EG

SUBJECT: FIVE EGYPTIANS IDENTIFIED AS TERRORISTS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 25 FIVE ARABS LANDED ON THE TEL AVIV BEACH AND CLAIMED THEY HAD SAILED FROM ALEXANDER IN A SPEED BOAT TO AVOID CONSCRIPTION TO FIGHT IN LEBANON (SEE DAO IR 6849 040176). MOST LOCAL MEDIA DID NOT BELIEVE THEIR STORY BUT THE INCIDENT HAD SLIPPED FROM PUBLIC VIEW. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OCTOBER 13 BY THE IDF SPOKESMAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE FIVE EGYPTIANS (SIC) WHO WERE DETAINED ON SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 1976, AFTER LANDING THEIR SPEEDBOAT ON THE TEL AVIV BEACH, WERE FOUND TO BE MEMBERS OF THE "EL-FATAH" ORGANIZATION, SENT TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTS, BUT ABORTED THE OPERATION AS THEY BECAME AWARE OF THE NAVY'S PATROL VESSELS. INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT THEIR DESTINATION HAD BEEN EL ARISH, WHERE THEY INTENDED TO ESTABLISH TERRORIST CELLS TO OPERATE IN THE GAZA STRIP. THE SPEEDBOAT WAS TO RETURN TO PORT SAID, MANNED BY TWO SAILORS. IT WAS LEARNED THAT ON THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, THE FIVE HAD BOARDED A BOAT ANCHORING AT TYRE WHICH HAD ALREADY TAKEN THEIR SPEEDBOAT AND WEAPONS ABOARD. THE VESSEL LEFT TYRE FOR SIDON, TOOK
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEL AV 07027 150559Z

ABOARD PASSENGERS AND DEPARTED FOR EGYPT. IN THE AFTERNOON

OF SEPTEMBER 24, THE SPEEDBOAT AND ITS CREW WERE LOWERED INTO THE SEA. ON SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, THE TERRORISTS SIGHTED THE NAVY PATROL BOATS, WHEREUPON THEY DECIDED TO THROW THEIR WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT OVERBOARD AND GIVE THEMSELVES UP TO THE SECURITY FORCES. END TEXT.

3. LOCAL PRESS HAVE CONNECTED THE INTERROGATION OF THE FIVE TERRORISTS TO THE RECENT ARRESTS OF A NUMBER OF ARAB TERRORISTS IN THE GAZA STRIP (SEE TEL AVIV 6957). FOR EXAMPLE, THE JERUSALEM POST SAID IT HAD "...LEARNED THAT THE FIVE GAVE SECURITY AUTHORITIES INFORMATION DURING THEIR INVESTIGATION WHICH HAS LED TO THE ARREST OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PLO EFFORT TO REORGANIZE IN ISRAEL-HELD TERRITORY."
TOON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS RELEASES, SHIP INTERCEPTIONS, ARRESTS, TERRORISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 OCT 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TELAV07027
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760387-0606
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761050/aaaabrcc.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ullricre
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 JUN 2004 by DuboseBM>; APPROVED <20 DEC 2004 by ullricre>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FIVE EGYPTIANS IDENTIFIED AS TERRORISTS
TAGS: PINS, PFOR, IS, EG
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006